

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
October 22, 2018 – 10:07 AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek, Nixon, and Waugh present. Taylor Sickels Trudell, Greg Trudell, Jill Chaplin, and Hannah Conrad were also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved and the chairman was authorized to sign a 28E agreement for mutual assistance for Narcotics Task Force Agencies in Southeast Iowa for Law Enforcement Services. Ayes: 3.

County engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on various projects including the Cox and Bickford box culvert replacements; the fuel island replacement; removal of campaign signs from county right of way; the purchase of a brush chipper; setting public hearing dates for the closure and vacation of portions of Olive Ave, Hawk Drive, Acorn Ave, and Hickory Ave; discussion regarding a settlement agreement and release of surety bond letter with Dakota Access, LLC and Precision Pipeline, LLC regarding reimbursement for damages to route W40 south of Highway 16; and approval of a county line road agreement with Henry County.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon the recommendation of the county engineer, the county engineer was authorized to spend up to \$26,750.00 on a used 2013 M12R brush chipper from Midwest Underground Supply, LLC if he remains satisfied after demonstration of the equipment is complete. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held with the county engineer regarding vacation of four sections of county road right-of-way. Following the discussion, the following actions were taken:

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the chairman was authorized to sign Resolution #10-22-18-A setting a public hearing date of November 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the board of supervisor's office for a public hearing on a proposal to close and vacate the following portion of secondary road: A portion of Hawk Drive located in Section 7, Township 70 North, Range 11 West described as: beginning at the point where Hawk Drive intersects the west section line of Section 7, Township 70 North, Range 11 West; thence easterly along the centerline of Hawk Drive approximately 2815' feet to the west right-of-way line of Acorn Ave. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the chairman was authorized to sign Resolution #10-22-18-B setting a public hearing date of November 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the board of supervisor's office for a public hearing on a proposal to close and vacate the following portion of secondary road: A portion of Hickory Avenue located in Section 5, Township 67 North, Range 10 West described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 67 North, Range 10 West, thence running north approximately ½ mile to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 67 North, Range 10 West, all within Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 3

On a motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the chairman was authorized to sign Resolution #10-22-18-C setting a public hearing date of November 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the board of supervisor's office for a public hearing on a proposal to close and vacate the following portion of secondary road: A portion of Olive Avenue located in Section 4, Township 67 North, Range 9 West and Section 9, Township 67 North, Range 9 West described as: commencing at the intersection of Olive Avenue and county Route J56 thence northeasterly approximately 33' to the northeastern right-of-way of county Route J40 and the point of beginning; thence 4700' northerly along the centerline of Olive Ave. Ayes: 3

No action was taken regarding a resolution setting a public hearing on a proposal to close and vacate the following portion of secondary road: A portion of Acorn Avenue located in Section 7, Township 70 North, Range 11 West, thence running southerly along the centerline of Acorn Avenue to the Des Moines River.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the chairman was authorized to sign a settlement agreement, and the chairman and county engineer were authorized to sign a release of surety bond letter with Dakota Access, LLC and Precision Pipeline, LLC regarding reimbursement for damages to route W40 south of Highway 16. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, a county line road agreement between Henry County and Van Buren County was approved as presented, and the chairman was authorized to sign the agreement. Ayes: 3

County attorney Abraham Watkins was present to discuss matters related to the office including appointment of additional staff.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the county attorney, Hannah Conrad, from Stockport, was appointed as legal assistant/victim services coordinator in the county attorney's office, effective October 10, 2018, at a rate of \$14.00/hr. for up to 29 hrs./week. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, a public hearing date of November 13, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the board of supervisor's office was set regarding proposed amendments to the 2019FY county budget. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, as per the Code of Iowa Sections 50.13 and 50.19, the date of November 19, 2018, was set for destruction of the materials pertaining to the 2016 general election (excluding tally books and abstracts of votes) by On-Site Information Destruction, Inc of Waterloo, Iowa. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#18735-18813, Claims-#9635-9701 (Secondary Road-#25685-25703); Oath of Office – Laura Thomas. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including RUSS, 8th Judicial District, SEIL Mental Health Region, and Children's 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Lisa Plecker, County Auditor

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